

DECISION NOTICE
Project 08-09
Prepared By Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

I. Proposal

To grant funds to Great Falls Trap and Skeet Club GFT&SC for a Shooting Range Development Grant project. The range is located at 183 Ulm North Frontage Rd., Ulm, MT, in the SW ¼ NW ¼ of Sec. 34 & in the SE ¼ NE ¼ of Sec. 33; T20N, R2E P.M.M. Cascade County, Montana. This Project tentatively plans to provide \$10,995 in partial funding towards 1) replace and relocate shotgun Pattern board; (2) purchase three automatic trap machines; (3) re-grade and replace 270 feet of sidewalk; (4) install 7 connecting sidewalks to Trap Fields; (5) install a 1500 gallon cistern; and (6) purchase three wireless voice calls.

II. Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA)

MEPA required FWP to assess the potential consequences of this proposed action for the human and natural environment. The proposal was detailed in a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) completed on July 17, 2007, and posted on FWP's web site on August 23, 2007. A legal ad was published in the Great Falls Tribune on September 2 and a news release was distributed on September 5th. The comment period for this EA ended September 21, 2007. No public comments were received. The Draft EA and Decision Notice will serve as the final document.

III. Summary of Public Comment

None.

IV. Modifications to the Environmental Assessment

The amount of \$10,995 stated on page 3 of the EA was incorrect. The amount of funding proposed for the GFT&SC is actually \$20,964.

V. Decision

After review of the proposal and since the document received no public comment against the project, the decision has been made to proceed with providing \$20,964 funding through the Shooting Range Development Grant program for range improvements to the GFT&SC.

I find there to be no significant impacts associated with this action and conclude that an Environmental Impact Statement is not needed. The completed EA and the response to comments included in this Decision Notice are an appropriate level of analysis.

_____*Kurt Cunningham*_____November 16, 2007_____
Kurt Cunningham, Shooting Range Grants Administrator Date